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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
White et al.

Art Unit: 3632

Application No. 10/045,572

Examiner: Le Tan

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For: RETAINER CLIP FOR MOUNTING  
SINK TO COUNTER TOP

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

The indicated claims have been amended so that they read as follows. The amendments made to these claims are specifically indicated in Appendix A attached hereto.

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1. (Once Amended) A retainer clip for mounting a flanged sink to a countertop in which the flange seats against the countertop, the retainer clip comprising:  
a ratchet plate mountable to an edge of the countertop, the ratchet plate including a front face having a plurality of detents; and  
a pawl mountable to the sink and configured to deflectably engage at least one of the detents of the ratchet plate when the sink is inserted downwardly into the countertop and upwardly seat in said one of the detents to retain the sink in a fully inserted position.

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17. (Once Amended) A combination comprising:  
a sink including a peripheral flange for seating against a countertop and a plurality of rails mounted to an underside of the peripheral flange; and  
a plurality of retainer clips for mounting the sink within a cutout of a countertop, each of the retainer clips including: